

SENATE RESOLUTION 47
By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jo Churchwell Patterson
of Dandridge.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Jo Churchwell Patterson, a devout and caring Christian woman; and

WHEREAS, well-known for her outgoing nature and hospitality, Jo Patterson was a valuable contributor to society, always helping others; along with her first husband, the late Reverend Leonard Churchwell, Jo Patterson served many churches and congregations throughout East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Jo Patterson was a supervisor at Phillips Consumer Electronics, where she received accolades for the exemplary quality of work; and

WHEREAS, Jo Patterson was an active and devout member of the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, constantly giving of her time to worthy causes, Jo Patterson was a member of V.F.W. Post #3380, Ladies Auxiliary; a 53-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Martha Dandridge Chapter #438; and a member of the Dandridge Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, Jo Patterson was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Jo Patterson enjoyed the loving companionship of her second husband, J.D. Patterson, and was the proud parent of Carolyn Voiles and her husband, David, Charles (Bill) Churchwell and his wife, Kaye, Larry Churchwell and his wife, Doris, Larry Ray Churchwell II and his wife, Stephanie, and her stepson J.J. Patterson and his wife, Julie; and

WHEREAS, she will also be sorely missed by her grandchildren, Christopher, Michael, Laura, Brett, and Josh Voiles, Chris and Angela Owens, Nick, Lee, Nikole, and Dakota Churchwell, and Jeremy, Emily, and Jessica Churchwell; the loss of Mrs. Patterson will also be deeply felt by her sisters, Mrs. Peggy Pruitt and Mrs. Nancy Howington, her brother, Mr. Bob Sensabaugh, and her several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Jo Patterson leaves behind an indelible legacy of caring and forthright Christian living; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Jo Churchwell Patterson, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living an exemplary Christian life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Jo Churchwell Patterson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.